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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Local broadband providers are critical to rural areas, traditionally under served and economically challenged.

Middle class consumers like me cannot afford nearly \$100 a month for phone and internet services.

We have limited choices of providers and so end up paying more for middling service, where competition will support fair prices and decent service.

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